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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT

DECLARATION OF SRIVILLIPUTHUR GRIZZLED SQUIRREL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AND MEGAMALAI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AS "SRIVILLIPUTHUR MEGAMALAI TIGER RESERVE" THE WILD LIFE (PROTECTION) ACT 1972.

[G.O.Ms. No. 14, Environment and Forests (FR.5), 8th February 2021,
தை 26, சார்வரி, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு-2052]

No. II(2)/EF/79(h)/2021.

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 38 V of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Governor of Tamil Nadu, on the recommendation of the Tiger Conservation Authority, hereby declares the area, the boundaries of which are specified in the Schedule below, as a Tiger Reserve on and from 08-02-2021.

THE SCHEDULE

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| 1. Name of the Project Tiger | : | Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve. |
| 2. Name of the Districts | : | Virudhunagar, Madurai and Theni. |
| 3. Name of the Taluks | : | Rajapalayam, Srivilliputhur, Peraiyur, Uttamapalayam, Usilampatti and Andipatti. |
| 4. Forest Divisions | : | Srivilliputhur Division and Megamalai Division. |
| 5. Areas of the Forest Blocks | : | Furnished below |

| Core Zone | Area (Hectares) | Buffer Zone | Area (Hectares) |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Srivilliputhur Reserve Forest | 12640.33 | Srivilliputhur Reserve Forest | 4817.55 |
| Khansapuram Reserve Forest | 77.94 | Khansapuram Reserve Forest | 160.54 |
| Saptur | 15601.84 | Unnipathimalai Reserve Forest | 222.75 |
| Seithur Reserve Forest | 5910.62 | Saptur | 6618.57 |
| Seithur Additional Reserve Forest | 28.23 | Seithur Reserve Forest | 1606.22 |
| Erasakkananickanur Reserve Forest (Part) | 3616.58 | Kollankondan –I | 77.00 |
| Megamalai Reserve Forest | 17710.809 | Kollankondan-II | 57.90 |
| Dhonikaradu Reserve Forest (Part) | 563.58 | Kollankondan –III | 43.76 |
| Poovathikaradu Reserve Forest | 380.740 | Megamalai Reserve Forest | 4737.1 |
| Surulipatty Reserve Forest | 1732.500 | Gandamanur East Reserve Forest | 10774.31 |
| Pandarathurai Reserve Forest | 15.540 | Soolapuram Reserve Forest | 299.52 |
| Koothanathci Reserve Forest | 523.780 | Elumalai Reserve Forest (part) | 1386 |
| Vannathiparai Reserve Forest | 4177.24 | Anamalayanpatti Reserve Forest | 90.83 |
| Boothakaradu Reserve Forest | 442.89 | Koothanathci Reserve Forest | 292.38 |
| Kappuvamadai Reserve Forest | 240.84 | | |
| Melagudalur Reserve Forest | 522.75 | Vannathiparai Reserve Forest | 1942.6 |
| | | Poomarajapuram | 17.09 |
| | | Myladumparai Reserve Forest | 4252.08 |
| | | Erasakkanayakanur Exten. | 3.37 |
| | | Ganthigramam | 71.346 |
| Total extent | 64186.21 | | 37470.92 |

Total core area : 64186.21 ha

Total Buffer area : 37470.92 ha

**Total Extent of the
Tiger Reserve:** 101657.13 ha or 1016.5713 sq. km

6. Boundary description:

North : Madurai Territorial Forest Division

East : Virudhunagar and Madurai Districts Revenue areas.

South : Tirunelveli Forest Division and Periyar Tiger Reserve (Kerala State).

West : Theni District Revenue areas, Theni Territorial Forest Division and partly Periyar Tiger Reserve.

Admitted Rights

7. (i) The National Highway Road NH 220 Connecting Theni and Kerala State boundary Kottayam (6 kms).
- (ii) State Highway Road from Thenpalani to Maharaja Mettu Road connecting Chinnmanuur and Private Estates (Kerala State boundary)(40kms).
- (iii) Estate Road connecting Maharaja Mettu - Iruagalaru – Upper Manalaru- (16 Kms) in Chinnamanur Range.
- (iv) State highway from Manjanoothu to Vellimalai connecting Kadambaligundu to Kerala State boundary - (36 Kms).
- (v) A EB Road from Kumuli to Forebay Dam -3.8 kms.
- (vi) A Road connecting Tholu and Mudanari – 7 Kms. (3 kms Municipal Road and 4 kms EB Road)
- (vii) An EB Road connecting EB colony to 12th Anchor Road – 6 kms.
- (viii) A Road from Reserve Forest boundary to Sasthakoil in Devaiar beat Rajapalayam Range – 1.9 Kms.
- (ix) A forest road connecting Mallapuram in Madurai District and Mayiladumparai in Theni District laid in Mallapuram beat of Saptur Range (5.0 Kms).
- (x) A PWD road connecting from Forest boundary to Kovilar Dam Watrap beat-III of Watrap Range (0.48 Kms).
- (xi) MFP Collection: Tribal People living in hamlets viz., Ayyanarkoil, Shenbagathoppu, Athikoil, Thaniparai, Vinobanagar and Valliammai Nagar are assigned 4955 ha of Reserve Forest areas for collection of Minor Forest Produce for their bonafide purpose (Core area – 1089.32 ha and Buffer area 3865.68 ha) as per resolution passed in District Level Committee as per Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. (Central Act 2 of 2007).

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